AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, line 9, delete the heading "Description of the Prior Art" and insert the following heading:

✓ BACKGROUND

Page 2, line 31, delete the heading "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" and insert the following heading:

✓ SUMMARY

Page 3, amend the paragraph beginning at line 10 as follows:

A1 The invention recognises that a system that compares an active version of a computer file ~~within~~with an archived version of a computer file to detect a match, which may be part of countermeasures against malicious alterations such as virus infection, then the archive computer file may also be used to replace the active version of that computer file if a match does not occur. This enables essentially perfect repair of computer files that have been infected or otherwise maliciously altered to be achieved.

Page 4, amend the paragraph beginning at line 8 as follows:

A2 Complementary aspects of the invention also provide a method for operating a computer in accordance with the above techniques and a computer operating in accordance with the above techniques.

Page 4, line 28, delete the heading "DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS" and insert the following heading:

✓ DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Page 5, amend the paragraph beginning at line 12 as follows:

A3 Figure 2 schematically illustrates a computer 8 containing a first data storage device 10 and a second data storage device 12. High capacity, high speed data storage devices are becoming less expensive and accordingly the provision of a comparatively large storage capacity within a computer 8 is quite practical. In operation, the active copies of computer files are stored upon the first data storage device 10. Archive copies of all executable and DLL files are stored to the second data storage device 12 as they are created for the first time upon the first data storage device 10. These archive copies may then be compared with the main active copies upon access to those active copies at a later time to detect if there has been any alteration in those active copies. If there has been an alteration, then further countermeasures may be triggered, such as through anti-virus scanning.